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The Pastor Speaks:

TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD

XXXI. THE TRUTH OF THE MYSTICAL BODY

10. The Remedy

GOD in His wisdom has decreed that we should find, in the sublime doctrine of the Mystical Body, the answer and remedy to all the modern false ideologies and social evils.

We have seen in the previous article how atheism is killed by the truth of the Mystical Body. The cry of our previous thinker was, "There is no God". Our answer was, "God exists; He is with us; He is within us; He and we form the Mystical Body."

"Everything is God"

Today we hear another cry: "All is God. There is nothing but God. All we can see or know or hear, is God." In one word, Pantheism is the name of this ancient theory, held particularly in India and revised in the west

by new thinkers, like Albert Einstein, Bernard Shaw and his associates. If all things are God, then I too am God. My life is God! The murderer is God! The man guilty of rape, the beautiful woman, the tyrant,—all are part of the pantheistic god equally with the saint and the martyr. Let us follow the commentary of Fr. D. Lord, S. J., "With Pantheism, man's highest dignity, his free will, is a myth. If I am a part of a vast being who is God, I move by an impulse of the mind and will that is His or its . . . The man or the woman

who once admits that he or she is a part of God, by that fact relinquishes free will. The tail does not wag the dog. The tongue does not direct the brain. The bolt on the engine does not direct the motor car. The part of God cannot be independent of and cannot dominate God."

What does Pantheism really want? "The Pantheist, with a quite understandable ache of the human heart, longs for a close union with God. Splendid! The Mystical Body gives him that union in beautiful, satisfying reality. God has united me with Himself. I live and move in intimate association with the Creator and Father of the Universe. His life flows through my body and soul. I am a sharer of His divine nature The divine life courses through us . . . God remains with us. The aspiration of the pantheist, the dream of the mystic sighing for union of his humanity with the divinity, is realised. God and the creature have become one." But the moment a serious sin is committed, we are cut away from the Mystical Body, for "the very ugliness of the crime makes it impossible for the guilty person to be any longer a part of the spotless body of the Saviour."

Pelagianism, Liberalism

We are also confronted with a new Pelagianism which pretends that man can achieve anything and everything by himself, without any need of prayer, the sacraments and grace; in a word, without God's help. On the other hand, there are the doubt-

ers, the pessimists, who despair of everything and for whom men are caught in the pincers of heredity and environment. Women are the playthings of their own passions. Since there is no future, let us rejoice! "All this is changed, however, by the truth of the Mystical Body

A divine life is ours because we share the life of the Son of God. We are united with Jesus Christ, and His powers and capacities are by divine generosity placed at our disposal, for our use."

"Modern thought has lost a number of important things. It has lost all sense of the supernatural. It has grown disdainful of purity." It rejects humility, and naturally despises true love.

Liberalism has introduced into men's lives a double aspect: the public life and the private life. It has put a curtain between the two, and pretends that no one has a right to judge or interfere in the private life of any one, who can thus be, or presented to be, a saint in public and a devil in private. The theory of *laissez faire* in the economic field, is being applied to the private actions of men, with the evil consequences which are known to all.

Communism Denies God

Communism has come, waging war against God whose existence it denies, destroying love and sowing hatred. We may have to deal at length, later on, with this particular ideology. It is sufficient to say now that against all these losses and perils, the truth

of the Mystical Body rises once more as the one cogent answer, as we shall see in the following articles.

Summarising, Fr. Lord says: "Modern thinkers have forgotten God or have distorted Him into ugly and disgusting caricatures of Himself. The Mystical Body restores Him in all His love and tender fatherliness, and shows Him bending down to a gracious union with His own children.

"Modern thinkers have despaired of man. The Mystical Body shows how deeply God reveres and loves man. It makes possible all things by the power and strength that flows from a Divine Heart to its human members.

"Modern literature is keyed to songs of despair. No one who possesses an understanding of the doctrine of the Mystical Body can refrain from bursting into a song of exultant happiness."

St. Paul was the first to intone that song of victory when he exclaimed; "I am alive; or rather, not I; it is Christ that lives in me." (Galatians, 2,20).

What a consoling truth! I am not alone any more. Though I may seem weak and frightened, I feel and I am strong in Him Who strengthens me, for it is Christ Who lives in me.

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Sister M. Lidwine, A. C.

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varam and Chromepet, the Deacon and Sub-Deacon. The assistant parish priest had arranged for the Parish Choir to pay its last tribute to our dear Sister, by singing the Requiem Mass.

At about 3-30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Baretto, Marie and Gertie came with the hearse and a lovely coffin with Sister's name engraved on it. At 3-45 p.m. the five priests who had come recited the Office of the Dead. Meanwhile our bus took the children and people to the Pallavaram Mortuary Chapel. At 4-30 p.m. we bade a fond adieu to our loved Sister and many people too came to touch their Rosaries or kiss her hands. There

was a slight drizzle as we walked slowly behind the Hearse. At the level crossing we got into the bus and at 5 p.m. His Excellency the Rt. Rev. Dr. F. A. Carvalho, Auxiliary Bishop, performed the last rites. The Archbishop had to leave for Bangalore on the 12th morning and so could not officiate at the Funeral. There was a large crowd of people and children. The coffin was borne to the grave just in front of Sr. Hildegarde's, and the last blessing given. Mother covered the face and there was not a dry eye in that crowd as the poor whom she had loved and toiled for in life called out her dear name amidst sobs and tears.

Blessing of St. Paul's Church

Sathangadu, Tiruvottiur

THE village of Sathangadu, a village in Tiruvottiur Municipality, North Madras, witnessed a unique scene on the evening of 25th January, the feast of St. Paul's conversion, when His Grace Dr. L. Mathias, S.D.B., blessed and opened for public worship the newly built Church of St. Paul which forms the 24th parish in Madras city.

This church, situated in a predominantly Hindu area, in keeping with the surroundings, reveals a blend of several styles of Indian, especially Hindu architecture. The length of the church is 120 feet and the breadth 30 feet. An elegant altar of gleaming grey granite adds beauty to the mosaic-laid nave and sanctuary. Above the high Altar hangs a large and expressive Crucifix. The sacristy behind is spacious and airy.

For God's Honour and Glory

At 5 o'clock in the evening the Catholic community around the newly built church, the many brethren that came from the parishes of Kasimode, Royapuram, Broadway and Vepery, together with the large number of clergy and religious, in addition to the many non-Catholics of Sathangadu, received His Grace Dr. L. Mathias and His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. F. Carvalho at the entrance of Sathangadu Road where it branches off from the Tiruvottiur High Road, and led them in procession to the new church along the road decorated with arches and festoons of festive colours. His Grace then, assisted by V. Rev. Mgr. A. P. de Andrade, proceeded to perform the Liturgical blessing, sprinkling

the walls exteriorly and interiorly with holy water. Next followed the consecration of the stone altar and the celebration of the first Mass in the new church. In the course of his sermon, the Archbishop stressed that the new edifice had become the house of God, to be used exclusively for His honour and glory. It was a great pleasure for him to bless and dedicate the new church on the feast of the Apostle of the Gentiles who, he hoped, would protect the parish and make of the people instruments in the spread of the faith to their less fortunate neighbours and the country around. There was a traditional belief that on the occasion of the first Mass said in a new church the petitions of those present were granted: He asked the congregation, who had assembled on a working day from all over the city, to formulate their petitions and trust in God to grant them. He then formally installed Fr. John Pillaveetil of St. Andrew's, Vepery, as parish priest in charge of the parish of Sathangadu. Finally His Grace expressed his gratitude to Very Rev. Fr. J. P. D'Souza, Mr. S. R. Fernando, architect, and the Associated Contractors for the trouble they had taken and the complete satisfaction given in executing such an

artistic church and commodious presbytery.

After Mass, the Archbishop and Auxiliary Bishop proceeded to bless the new presbytery. Speeches were made in English and Tamil by Mr. Narasimhan and Mr. Mahimaidoss respectively, thanking His Grace for constituting a new parish and providing a beautiful church for the people of the locality who found Kasimode rather distant for Mass. They hoped in time a Catholic school too would spring up, to provide a Christian education for their children. Tributes were paid to the parish priest of St. Teresa's, Kasimode, and his two assistants who had zealously attended to their spiritual needs and taken a special interest in the working classes. Archbishop Mathias, replying, expressed his very great satisfaction with the way in which the evening's function had been organised and the public manifestation of their faith on the Tiruvottur High Road where triumphant arches had been decorated with large pictures of the Sacred Heart and inscriptions such as

"Jesus, Bless our Country". He appreciated the sacrifices made by people in coming several miles from all quarters of the city just after their day's work. At Mass he was surprised but happy to note that the new church was already small for the parishioners. He paid a tribute to Fr. John Kottaram for all the good work he had left as a legacy to the new parish. That the children sang so well, that the procession was so devout and orderly, that there was such close co-operation between the priests and parishioners, was a happy augury for the parish of Sathangadu which would emulate the good done in neighbouring Kasimode.

Two parishioners, Mrs. and Mr. Braganza, Manager of the Imperial Tobacco Factory, played host to the clergy at a grand dinner in the new presbytery where tables were spread in all the rooms. Mgr. A. Pereira de Andrade proposed the toast of the old and new parish priests, and expressed appreciation of the generous hospitality provided by Mr. and Mrs. Braganza.

Intentions for March 1961

General Intention: That families, amidst the snares of present-day progress, may be strengthened by the Church's doctrine and the frequent reception of the sacraments.

Missionary Intention: That the numerous native clergy may receive strong and appropriate training, in keeping with present-day needs.

Blessing of a Grave for Burial

DECLARATION

It has been asked: "If a cemetery is not blessed, is it necessary to bless the individual grave before the burial?"

The Church Law in this connection is: "The remains of the faithful are to be buried in a cemetery which is blessed, according to the rites prescribed in approved liturgical books, either by a solemn or simple blessing performed by persons mentioned in Canons 1155 and 1156 see *Canon 1205, para. 1*".

"The Catholic Church has the right to have its own cemeteries".
Canon 1206, para 1.

Where Catholics have no Cemetery of their own, the Parish Priests should try to have a portion in any Public Cemetery reserved for the use of Catholics (*Diocesan Statute. No. 717*) In which case the Parish Priest will see that this portion is blessed for burials *Canon 1206, para 2*)

If even this reservation is not possible, each individual grave

should be blessed before burials are made (*Canon 1206, para. 3*).

The rite for the blessing of a single grave each time, given in the Roman Ritual, supposes that the cemetery is not blessed. If the Cemetery is already blessed, this part of the rite is omitted in the case of a simple grave, but if the grave is a monument or lined with brick or stone, it should be blessed. This injunction relates to cases even when the whole Cemetery or a portion reserved to Catholics is blessed. See *Decrees of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, Nos. 3400. ad V and 3524. ad I.*)

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ST. BEDE'S HIGH SCHOOL, SAN THOME

High School Results—1960

Appeared, 62. Passed, 61.

First Class, 30, Second Class, 14, Third Class, 17.

State Ranks

Second: Augustine Arokiasamy.

Fifth: P. Irudiaraj.

Governor Présides at Annual Sports

Sacred Heart High School, Church Park

THE 25th. January was a Red-letter Day indeed—when the Annual Sports of the Sacred Heart Girls' High School were held at Church Park.

His Excellency, Shri Bishpuram Medhi, the Governor of Madras, had very kindly consented to preside and, with Her Excellency Srimathi Medhi, arrived punctually at 3 p.m. After being received by Rev. Mother Christine, the Rev. Mother Regional, and Rev. Sister Celine, the Principal, they were conducted to the President's dais.

A large tome bound in "gold" was presented to His Excellency by five tiny tots of the School. On being opened, it disclosed a white dove which flew up in the air—a very fitting opening for the occasion.

The March Past of the five School Houses made a wonderful kaleidoscope of colour and precision—the Heads of the different Houses carrying their respective flags—Violets, Roses, Lilies, Lotuses, Shamrocks—led by the Head Girl of the School carrying the School flag of green and gold.

The different events followed each other without any pause, so that the distinguished visitors and thousands of parents and friends were entertained throughout.

Every event was entered into with enthusiasm and a spirit of friendly rivalry.

Among the high-lights of the programme might be mentioned the Tactical March and the Swiss Folk Dances by the Senior Pupils, the "Queen's Guards" by the

little boys in their March Past in regulation uniforms, the Championship Race won by the Head Girl of the School, Radha Devaya, and many other events all excellent in their way.

All the Houses put up a good show and the afternoon passed quickly, while the impressive School Assembly made the packed audience realise that a splendid programme of beauty and precision in physical activities was at an end.

Her Excellency Srimathi Medhi, with her usual kindness, very graciously presented the trophies.

The much coveted Queen's Cup was won by the Shamrock House which had secured the highest number of points. The Governor's Shield, so very kindly presented by His Excellency last year, was won by the Head Girl, Radha Devaya, an honour highly prized in Church Park, for she has the privilege of having her name inscribed on the Shield as "the best girl in Church Park."

Among the others who received Cups were Madhobi Choudhury for being the best House Captain, Hilla Holmes for posture, Gita Menon for Dramatics, and Radha Devaya again for the Championship. Raj Mohan was the proud winner of the Thiruvalluvan Cup for being "the best boy in the school." There were many other lucky recipients, too numerous to

mention, but all deserving of praise.

In his address His Excellency spoke very highly of the wonderful spectacle which bore witness to the excellent training the children had received. He praised the atmosphere of love and service, characteristic of Church Park, and the untiring care and devotion of the Sisters and Staff.

A delightful and interesting afternoon had come to a close with the singing of the School Song. Girls and boys marched off the field in perfect order, Victors and Vanquished, all happy and contented that they had done their best and the best "Man" had won—a wonderful testimonial to the spirit in which these sports are held.

TROPHY

WON BY

1. Winning House	... QUEEN'S CUP	... Shamrocks
2. Best House in Studies	... SIVAGANGA CUP	... Lilies
3. Net Ball	... KALYANPUR CUP	... Rose
4. Throw Ball	... CHELLAPALLI CUP	... Lilies and Lotus
5. Best Class of the year	SANTOSH CUP	... Form VI
6. Head girl Cup	—	... Radha Devaya
7. Best House Captain	—	... Madhobi Choudhury
8. Best girl in the School	SRI MEDHI SHIELD	... Radha Devaya
9. Best boy in the School	THIRUVALLUVAN CUP	... R. J. Moban
10. Esprit de Corps—Girls	JAMESMAN CUP 1959	... Hilla, Rama and Shantha
11. Esprit de Corps—Boys	JAMESMAN CUP 1961	... Rajendra Shah
12. Best out-going athlete	... HARRIMAN CUP 1961	... Sarala
—Girls		
13. Best out going athlete	... HARRIMAN CUP 1961	... Haroon Pasha
—Boys		
14. Dramatics	...	... Githa Menon
15. Good posture	...	... Hilla Holmes
16. Championship—Senior	... HARRIMAN CUP 1958	... Radha Devaya
17. Championship Intermediate	... HARRIMAN CUP 1958	... Shalu Verghese
18. Championship—Junior	... HARRIMAN CUP 1958	... Devanand
19. Flash Past (Track-A)	UBEROI CUP	... Radha
20. On your Mark (Track-B)	... SHYAMALA & KOMALA CUP.	... Shoba Rani
21. Junior Nursery	... TRUMAN CUP 1961	... Radhika
22. General Proficiency—Sports 1957.	—	... Radha Devaya
23. Highest percentage in Matriculation of 1960	—	... Rachel Joseph
24. Staff 1.	...	... Mrs. Samuel
2.	...	... Miss Susheela
25. Alumni—Boys	...	... B. Ravindran and Suresh
26. Alumni—Girls	...	... P. K. Githa
27. Parents—Ladies	...	... Mrs. Dwarka
28. Parents—Gents	...	... Mr. Kalyanraman
29. Servants	...	... Nataraj

The Late Fr. M. Joseph Rock

By Fr. P. J. Kurian

ON the 9th of January 1961, at 2-40 in the morning, when the first batch of the diocesan clergy had just entered into retreat, Fr. M. Joseph Rock passed to his eternal reward after an illness of three months. He had had the first stroke of paralysis while he was teaching Catechism in one of the convents in Poonamallee, and had to leave the class.

It was believed then to have been some nervous trouble which showed itself on his face and lips. As he suffered such attacks repeatedly a few times in the week, he came to Madras for medical attention. on the 8th of October 1960, remaining under his sister's care, in her home in St. Mary's Church compound, Abhiramapuram, when he put himself under the treatment of a nerve specialist for some days. Being weak and unable to stand, he was ordered to take complete rest.

The Last Mass

On the 13th of October 1960, the anniversary of Our Lady's last apparition at Fatima, he desired very much to say Mass and said Mass in St. Mary's Church, Abhiramapuram, even hearing a few confessions before Mass; by the end of the Mass he found himself unable to stand any longer. That was the last Mass he said. Within a few days he was admitted to the Government General Hospital for closer observation and treatment. A week later he was discharged from the hospital as the doctors after many long tests could find nothing wrong with him, except nervous weakness. They advised complete rest of body and mind, and wanted

him to stay on in Madras within easy reach of the doctor. During the week which followed he experienced a few strokes of temporary paralysis of the limbs and face, which however passed off soon.

The final and most severe stroke of paralysis, by which his whole right side was affected and made him also entirely speechless, was on the 29th of October 1960. The last Sacraments were administered to him and he was immediately removed to the Government General Hospital at night. Slowly he regained his power of speech, which however never became quite distinct, and his limbs also showed some improvement. But what gave him acute suffering was a severe hiccough which recurred now and again, accompanied with asthma, his life-long companion which appeared in all its vigour during the last days of his illness.

On the 4th of December 1960, as he was found by the doctors to be out of danger, though still sick and suffering, he was discharged from the hospital and at his own request was removed to the Luz Church presbytery. There he spent the rest of his suffering days under the careful attention of his devoted sister, Mrs. Arputha-

mariammal, and the other priests of the house, Mgr. P. L. Jegannathan and Fr. P. J. Kurian, but his hiccoughs and asthma in addition to the paralysis continued to torment him and kept him groaning sometimes for days and nights. Keenly though he felt his sufferings, he was anxious that God should grant him strength to bear them patiently and meritoriously.

In the evening of Sunday the 8th January 1961 his condition showed a sudden change, for the worse. He became restless, unable to sit or lie down, and his suffering and pains became acute. A doctor who was called, declared his case beyond hope and predicted only a few hours more for him to live. Fully conscious, he received the last Sacraments and at 2.40 a.m. on 9th January, 1961 he was called to receive his eternal reward, surrounded by the Parish Priest, two Sisters of St. Isabel's Hospital, and his own elder sister and faithful servant.

The Last Rites

Soon after his decease, the body was washed and dressed in violet priestly vestments by Fr. Kurian, helped by those in attendance. At dawn it was carried down to the reception-room of the presbytery where it was visited by a constant stream of friends and parishioners, commencing with His Grace the Archbishop and the clergy of Mylapore. In the evening the body was laid in a white coffin and carried to the Church of Our Lady of Luz, where about 25 diocesan priests (those not in retreat) besides Seminarians from Poonamallee and some of the

regular clergy commenced the recitation of the Office for the Dead while Archbishop Mathias began Mass at the main altar. The body of the church was filled with nuns and children from St. Francis Xavier's, Alwarpet, and St. Thomas's Convent, Mylapore, and so great was the crowd that most of the people had to remain outside. Mass over, the coffin was carried in procession around the church and then to the adjacent cemetery, where a few priests and nuns already lie buried. Here again the service was conducted by His Grace the Archbishop, who imparted the last absolution, and the body was lowered into the grave, there to await the final resurrection.

M. Joseph Rock, the son of two good Catholics of the Maé-de-Deus parish, Mylapore, C. S. Mallaiappa Mudaliar and Ubagari Nalliammal, was born on the 29th January, 1902, and had thus almost completed 59 years of age when he died. He studied in the San Thome High School and after passing the Intermediate Examination worked for a short time in the Fingerprints section of the Criminal Intelligence Department, Madras. Perhaps it was this contact with records of dishonesty and crime that turned his mind to a nobler life, ministering to the spiritual needs of his fellow men. He was accepted for the Diocese of Mylapore by the then Administrator, Mgr. A.M. Texeira (who as bishop was to ordain him a priest six years later in the San Thome Cathedral) and in January 1926 was sent to the Papal Seminary at Kandy, Ceylon, for his eccle-

siastical studies. As the climate of Kandy was not conducive to his health, he was transferred at the end of the year to St. Paul's Seminary, Tiruchirapalli, where he began the study of Philosophy and after doing the four-year course of Theology, was called to San Thome to be ordained priest by H. E. Don Antonio Teixeira in the Cathedral on the 11th of December, 1932, a few months before the latter's lamented demise.

Prestly Career

Young Fr. Rock's first appointment was to the Sacred Heart Church, Tanjore, as assistant to Mgr. M. Motha Vaz. There already his gifts as a teacher and preacher attracted attention, and he was soon called to Mylapore to be on the staff of the San Thome High School, his alma mater, and to give a course of theological instruction to the novices of the Bon Secours Convent. Later, Fr. Rock was appointed to be parish

priest of St. Joseph's Church, Chingleput. From here Fr. Rock was transferred to Covelong, then to Kancheepuram, and finally, in March 1953, to Poonamallee. As the parish was a small one, he helped in the Sacred Heart Seminary where he was Professor of Tamil and Sacred Eloquence, for both of which he was eminently qualified as an elegant and forceful preacher with choice diction, persuasive argument, and a sonorous voice. For seven years he laboured in this dual capacity, using his spare time to preach retreats and missions, for which he had won a name among the few diocesan priests qualified for the task. Pleasant and unassuming, a sprightly conversationalist and a debater who would not easily own defeat, Fr. Rock will be missed for his bonhomie and never-failing humour among his clerical friends and for the prudent spiritual direction he gave to the laity who came to him for guidance.—R.I.P.

In Memoriam: Sister M. Lidwine, A.C.

ON Tuesday the 6th December 1960 at 11-30 a.m. our dearly loved Sr. M. Lidwine walked up feebly to the chapel, genuflected and said aloud "Sweet Lord!" before she got into the car which was to take her to the General Hospital.

Most of us were at school and got the news only when we came home for dinner. As Sister had severe pain, Mother and Sr. Dymrna went to the local doctor but he thought that an X-ray was necessary to find out the cause and so advised them to take her to the General Hospital immediately. Little did we dream that we would no more enjoy her

edifying and genial company at Christ King's, Tambaram.

Every year Sister used to wait for the 8th of December. This time on the 7th, when Sr. Clea had gone to see her, she said "Tomorrow is my Mother's Day, and I am in hospital!" The next day when Mother asked her, "Sister, what meditation did

you make today?" she replied, "Mother, to tell you the truth, I didn't make any meditation but I prayed much to Our Lady." No wonder Our Lady hastened to relieve her of all pain in such a short time!

To the very last she followed community life and she loved it. Till the 5th she was up at 5 a.m. with the community. The printed prayers in the Manual were of too small a type for her to read and so she, who must have surely known most of them by heart, took the trouble of writing out all the prayers, in her own trembling hand, in large black print and she used that book morning, noon and night. She was very grateful to the Sister who wrote out Matins and Lauds for her. She used that book to the very end. She loved the company of the Sisters and was very reluctant to go to bed while we recreated. The Chinese Chequer Board now lies on the shelf. Every time at "Praise" she would keep it ready and invite us to play. She enjoyed the game because it kept us together.

How very often did our dear Sister lay stress on "Fidelity to little things", and how thoroughly she practised it! To the little ones of our English School she was "Catechism Mother". To listen to one of those lessons was enough to realize her tender love for the Church. Many a time did she tell us, when she took us up for Catechism on Sundays, "It doesn't matter if we don't do grand things. Let us often make acts of Faith, Hope and Charity". At the end of every month Sister made it a point to study by heart

the Intentions for the month. These were the intentions of our Holy Father and therefore dear to her. Often she was heard repeating them and saying "My old memory", and each time she went to the board to get the correct wording.

Our dear Sister's obedience was marvellous! Mother had only to express a wish and that was enough. On the very last day of her life, after our parish priest had given her the Papal Blessing, he asked for her prayers. Mother told her that Father wanted her blessing. "How can I bless Father?", she asked. But since Father repeated the request and Mother had also asked her, obediently her hand was raised in blessing! When told that Sister Martha would be with her that night, "As Mother arranges" was her only reply. But, for her, there were no more nights.

The nurses were so taken up with Sister's childlike submission that they were eager to do all they could for her. On Saturday afternoon Sisters Dymphna and Claudina went to the hospital and found Sister extremely weak.

Early on Sunday morning, Mother, Srs. Germaine and Angelica went to see our dear Sister. Our dear Sister was in deep slumber. They roused her up, spoke to her and joked with her. Sister was suffering very much. The House Surgeon came with the glucose injection. On hearing that Sister would be 79 years old the next day, Doctor told her that there should be grand celebrations in the General Hospital in

her honour. We promised to send a cake for Sister to cut and offer them. But Sister answered that in convents we don't have birthday cakes!

The doctors wanted to operate on her but Sister was far too weak to stand the operation—she was actually sinking. The hospital chaplain, Father G. Narsilio, gave her Extreme Unction and blessed her. He told us that Sister had made her confession the previous evening and received Holy communion that morning. Our parish priest, Fr. Mani, came from Tambaram and since Sister had already been anointed, gave her the Papal Blessing. Now Sister was fully conscious and moved her lips to repeat all the prayers we were teaching her. The sisters came in batches to the hospital. We sang suitable hymns, recited the prayers for the dying, renewed our vows with our dear Sister, sang the Salve, and said the act of Consecration, the Rosary, the Dolours Rosary and night prayers too with our dearly loved Sister. Several times Sister raised her left hand to make the sign of the cross as the right hand was tied down to the bed and the tube injected in. So we helped her to make that loved sign with the left hand as she was extremely weak. She kissed the Crucifix so very often. The Rosary was twined round her fingers.

When saying the 'Te Deum' too the last two verses had not been said, and till they were said we could hear her whisper 'Te Deum, Te Deum'.

When we asked her for a message for Rev. Mother she

answered that she was offering all her sufferings for Ceylon schools, the interests of our Institute, for Christ King Convent and schools, for the parish priest and parishioners and for other world wide intentions.

Fr. Eric De Souza then came in with blessings and a promise of prayers from the Archbishop and Auxiliary Bishop. Fr. Narsilio was there again and almost all our sisters praying round her. Fr. Narsilio advised us to take Sister home as he didn't want her shifted to the Mortuary Room. It was about 6-30 p.m. when the Nurses began to get her ready. Her sister Mrs. Baretto came just in time with her niece Marie. Sister opened her eyes, looked at them affectionately, and then the Nurse whispered, "This is the agony." Immediately Fr. E. De Souza gave the last absolution saying "Sister, you will go to Heaven now!" Just two or three gasps and Mother's trembling hands closed those loved eyes while Sr. Adele pressed the crucifix to her lips and prayers were repeated aloud. Our dear Sister died just as she had lived.

As we had already obtained the discharge certificate the matron allowed us to take our dear Sister in the ambulance we had got. We thanked the doctors and nurses and hurried down. A large crowd of visitors who had come to see the sick in the hospital were the witnesses of this beautiful death.

At 7 a.m. there was the Solemn Requiem High Mass in our Chapel, our parish priest being the celebrant and the priests from Pall-

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AROUND THE PARISHES

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, ADYAR

Phenomenal Success

Once again St. Patrick's was to the fore in the recent Government High School Examination held in November 1960. Twenty-one pupils were sent up and nineteen passed; giving 89.9 per cent. of passes. St. Patrick's has been on the up-grade for the past many years. The staff has to be congratulated for this praiseworthy achievement. The hard work done by the teaching staff is only known after the results of the Public Examination are published. The confidence placed in them has been justified from the results.

St. Patrick's, on account of its phenomenal success in recent years, has won a reputation in this corner of the city, and the result is that at the re-opening, the Principal is at his desk from 9 in the morning to time of lamp-light, besieged with new admissions.

The school is doing yeoman service in training poorer Anglo-Indian boys to secure jobs in the Business and Mercantile firms with the Commercial Training they are receiving in the school. Up to date as many as a dozen of our boys have found work in the city's Commercial Firms.

The results of the Government High School Examination are as follows: Twenty-one pupils were sent up and nineteen passed: First class 9, Second class 8, Third class 2.

QUEENSHIP OF MARY CHURCH, CHINTADRIPET

Parish News

It was indeed a great privilege for the Parishioners of the Church of Mary Queen, Chintadripet, to have a very fine mission preached in Tamil by the Redemptorist Fathers, Rev. Antony Francis and Rev. Stanley Mellet. During the days of the mission, from the 11th to the 18th December, the spacious Church was packed to its utmost capacity both by Catholics and non-Catholics, who gathered to hear the sermons in the mornings and evenings. The fact that 24 Baptisms were administered and 18 marriages regularised during the mission in this Parish is a glowing tribute to the splendid work done by the two Redemptorist priests.

Then followed a Triduum in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. On the 22nd December, a solemn High Mass was sung in the morning and in the evening there was a Car procession of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On the same evening, after the service, the parishioners gathered in large numbers in the Church compound to bid farewell to Rev. Fathers Francis and Mellet, who were to leave for Bangalore the same night. The address in Tamil was read by Mr. W. E. Joseph, while an address in English was delivered by Mr. T. J. Sylvester. Rev. Fr. Francis replied suitably. A purse, on behalf of the Pari-

shioners, was presented to the Redemptorist Fathers, who were profusely garlanded. With a vote of thanks by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. P. Joseph, the function came to an end.

On the 27th December, the Parish celebrated its annual "Children's Day". The happy function was presided over by Mr. T. Archer of the "Hindu" Office, who on arrival was received by the Parish Priest and his Assistant and the members of the Committee. Mr. Archer was garlanded and welcomed by Mr. W. E. Joseph. During the course of his reply, Mr. Archer announced a personal donation of Rs. 100/- towards the Children's Welfare Centre of the Parish. Prizes were then distributed by Mr. Archer to the children who took part in the sports, Catechism Competitions, etc. After a film show the vast gathering dispersed.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Sanjivi of the Bilot Pen Co., Sri Ram of Adyar, The Christmas Charity Fund, The Manager of "The Hindu", the Catholic Workers' Association and others for their valuable contributions and also to the volunteers, nuns, ladies and gentlemen, owing to whose help and co-operation the whole function was made a grand success.

SACRED HEART SEMINARY

Feast of Don Bosco

The great feast of Don Bosco on the 31st January was preceded by the feast of the gentle Saint Francis de Sales, the Patron of

the Salesians, on Sunday 29th January. During the solemn High Mass sung in his honour, Rev. Deacon Thomas Nakolail expatiated on the virtues of the Bishop of Geneva, pointing out how he won over 70,000 heretics with his meekness and gentle manners. He exhorted his fellow students to imitate St. Francis in his self-mastery.

On Monday 30th January there was the much needed preparation for the feast. After the solemn first Vespers of the feast of Don Bosco in the forenoon, there was an academy in honour of this "Master Trainer of Youth," during which two well prepared and well delivered speeches, one showing the part played by Don Bosco for the Vatican Council and another describing him as "The Priest", kept the audience in rapt attention. A playlet entitled "The Nap of a Saint" depicted well how Don Bosco was an Apostle of the Confessional.

On the following day, 31st January, Rev. Fr. C. Valloggia, S.D.B., who celebrated the 17th anniversary of his Sacerdotal Ordination, sang the solemn High Mass for which the polyphonic Choir sang. The Sermon preached during the Mass by Rev. Deacon John Bosco Manat was simple and educative.

A few of our neighbouring priest-guests graced the lunch in the afternoon, during which Rev. Frs. Louis Xavier and Lucio Fernandez kept us spell bound by their jokes and singing.

In the evening, for the drama "The Two Debtors", the Princi-

pal of the Victoria Memorial School for the Blind, the Executive Engineer of the Health Unit and some Professors with their students from the Orientation Centre, were present.

Much sacrifice was demanded of us all to prepare this feast and make it a real success, but we are all the happier for it. Indeed the life of a Priest is one of loving sacrifices, and it is but fitting that the Seminarians should learn to make them already in the Seminary.

ST. JOSEPH'S, VEPERY

St. Joseph's High School reopened on the 11th January with 427 students as against 368 of the previous year. General Science was started.

Of the 35 boys sent up for the last High School Examination, 32 passed, of whom 19 are Christians. 7 were placed in the 1st class, 6 in the 2nd, and 19 in the 3rd.

In the Anglo-Indian inter-schools sports (on Republic Day) we secured 4 first places, 4 second and 4 third, Albert Daniel winning the super-senior individual championship.

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On the 26th January the present and former members of our choir offered a Solemn Requiem High Mass for the soul of Mr. Cecil Taylor, who was a prominent parishioner and devoted choir-master of St. Joseph's for nearly 30 years. Gregorian and polyphonic music was rendered with much expression and feeling.

It was very kind of Mr. D. V. D'Monte to have stood a break-

fast to the members of the choir and to Mr. Taylor's family, who had been specially invited for the occasion.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH

Lay Apostles

The Parish of St. Francis Xavier, Broadway, has 72 Catholic Actionists to help the Parish Priest in the different activities of the parish. At least one activity in the Parish is carried out all through the year by every one of them. Every year these Catholic Actionists used to make good use of the Pongal, Holidays to hold their Recollection and Planning themes for the improvement of their parish activities. This year they had their Conferences from the 12th to 16th January in their Sagayamatha Hall. Rev. Fr. Peter Mathew Fernando, S.D.B., of the Don Bosco High School, Katpadi, preached the sermons to the Catholic Actionists. Daily two sermons and two instructions, that is, in the morning and in the evening, were preached in the Church to the whole congregation, in order to induce the faithful to come forward to do Catholic Action and Apostolic work in the parish.

The discussions and conferences were held under the chairmanship of Rev. Fr. Parish Priest and his Assistants who are proud of their co-workers. The Catholic Actionists discussed elaborately the procedure to conduct Funerals, knowing well that funerals are the 2nd birth of a man, his birth in eternity. Most of the rules were framed in accordance with the Statuta of

the Archdiocese which were not practised in the parish. These will be put into practice after getting the approval of the Ordinary.

One of the important discussions was to spread good literature in the parish by improving the Reading Room and Library, by the distribution of good magazines to the families and by free distribution of magazines to the poor.

The stitching class for the poor girls will be in full swing, as resolved in one of the conferences, and the school of typing will also be started soon for poor boys.

V. Rev. Fr. G. Ignatius, S.D.B., took part in one of the discussions and he was instrumental in solving one of the great difficulties of the Catholic Actionists.

The Planning Conference was concluded by the Catholic Actionists with their pilgrimage to San Thome Basilica where His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. F. A. Carvallo, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Madras-Mylapore, preached a beautiful sermon to the Catholic Actionists. To put his words in a nut-shell, he admonished the lay apostles that their activities should be founded on the three cardinal virtues, viz. Faith, Hope and Charity. His Grace Archbishop Mathias, S.D.B., granted them an audience, appreciated the zeal of the lay apostles of St. Francis Xavier's Parish, said that he was very glad to know that they were really the right hand of the Parish Priest, and congratulated them on their work and their good example. He also imparted his blessing.

May Mary, the Help of Christians, Queen of the Apostles, bless and guide the Catholic Actionists in their future apostolate.

THE STORY OF RUTH

20th Century Fox Colour Film

It is seldom nowadays that one sees fidelity to belief in God and real respect for chastity upheld steadfastly throughout a film. Here, in The Story of Ruth, we have both, in a faithful following of all the facts of the beautiful Old Testament story in The Book of Ruth, though there is an elaboration of the first few lines of the story and, at the conclusion, in the betrathal of Ruth to a much younger Booz than Holy Scripture gives us.

The touching story of the Moabite Ruth's fidelity was set in colour, scenery and detail which only a big Film Corporation can achieve. The historical details helped out of course from legend and secular sources—must have sent many of our clergy and religious back to a re-reading (or even a first reading!) of God's story in Holy Scripture. The rare treat of a private pre-view of a good film for our clergy and nuns of Madras was through the courtesy of an invitation from the Proprietors of The New Globe Cinema, Mount Road, given through His Grace, the Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore. From comments made it is evident that the opportunity was fully appreciated.

This film, which will no doubt be shown in other places in

Madras, can be recommended for all to see. Miss W. Douglas.

ROYAPURAM

Parish Notes.

A special feature of this month's activities was the Church Unity Octave which was observed from the 18th to 25th January. It consisted of a daily evening service, at which the Holy Rosary was followed by the entire congregation reciting the special prayers enjoined in this behalf and ending with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Parochial Board of Catholic Action, Mater Dolorosa Church, Royapuram, took place on Sunday the 22nd January. A large gathering of parishioners, present at this occasion, testified to the keen interest taken in the Board's activities.

Thanks to the indefatigable efforts of the Board President, Mr. S. J. Pinto, an interesting programme had been arranged and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by everyone present. The proceedings began with an overture provided by Mr. Mervyn Soares and his merry minstrels, followed by the reading of the Report by Mr. S. J. Pinto. The Report, which is the eleventh one, for the year ending 31st August, 1960, disclosed an impressive record of Catholic Action work done by the fourteen existing parish organisations, each of which is represented on the Board by one Member.

On the conclusion of the reading of the Report, the Mater Dolorosa

Church Choir entertained the gathering with a 'Glee' called 'Spring Song'. This was followed by a one-act play entitled "The Dear Departed" and formed the "piece de resistance" of the evening's show. Though prepared at short notice, the actors acquitted themselves with credit and kept the large gathering in roars of laughter.

A concluding speech by the Ecclesiastical Assistant, the Very Rev. Fr. G. H. Lourdes, brought the proceedings to a close.

When on the 23rd January, the Parochial Board met to transact routine business, it came to hear of the orders of transfer to Wallajabad of Rev. Joseph Chollanal, the Assistant Parish Priest. Arrangements were quickly set afoot to provide a suitable send-off to Fr. Joseph.

The farewell function was held on Sunday 29th January at which another large gathering of parishioners, evidencing the popularity and esteem of Fr. Joseph, was present. An overture by Mr. Mervyn Soares and his band was followed by the reading of an address in English and succeeded by an address in Tamil and the presentation of a purse—the parishioners being seemingly aware that shortage of the precious metal would form one of the chief headaches of Fr. Joseph in his new sphere of activities.

Fr. Joseph who spoke in English was visibly touched and thanked the parishioners for all the kind words said on his behalf. He felt confident, he said, that the good wishes of the parishioners of

Royapuram would stand him in good stead in his new post, as also the handsome purse presented by them. Fr. Joseph's speech was then translated into Tamil by Fr. Stanislaus for the benefit of the Tamil-speaking parishioners. A few more items by the band with vocal accompaniment ended the evening's function.

The members of the Parochial Board later entertained Fr. Joseph to a dinner in Fatima Hall.

SAN THOME

St. Thomas Basilica's Men's Sodality of The Immaculate Conception

At the Triennial General-Body Meeting held on Sunday the 15th January 1961, presided over by the Very Rev. Mgr. A. P. de Andrade, the Director, the following Office-bearers were selected for the next Triennium, i.e., 1961, 1962, and 1963 :—

- Prefect : M. Anthony.
 1st Asst. : D. Lazaro.
 2nd Asst. : A. E. Soares.
 Secretary : Vivian Francis.
 Treasurer : Arthur Carvalho.
 Councillors : { P. K. John,
 P. K. Sebastian,
 B. P. Sandy,
 A. Dhanaraj.

The Rev. Father Director exhorted the members of the Sodality to take an active part not only in the activities that the Parish Priest requests them to do, but also outside the church premises, in the performance of reli-

gious, cultural, medical and social works under the auspices of the Sodality, in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary and for the greater glory of God.

PUDUPET

Patron Saint's Day Celebration

The Parish Club celebrated the feast of St. John Bosco, the Patron of the Club, on the 31st January, 1961. Holy Mass was offered for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the members. In view of the celebration of the feast, a special meeting was held on Sunday, the 29th January, at 7 p.m., with Mr. S. Pushparaj, M.A., Lecturer, Loyola College, in the chair. A beautiful surplice was presented to the Spiritual Director as a token of gratitude for all the services he had rendered to the Club.

Then Mr. Pushparaj delivered a thought-provoking speech on '*Science and Religion*', during which he proved the insufficiency of science to explain the existence and nature of God. He said that man should go to religion and not to science for a truer and more complete explanation. With a vote of thanks by the Secretary, the function came to a close.

VOTIVE SHRINE, KILPAUK

Parish Christmas Treat

The 22nd December 1960 was a festive occasion for the children of the Parish when the annual Christmas Treat was held. The children assembled in the Church and, after an opening prayer, gathered in the Church compound for

games and sports, and this was followed by a Tea.

• Very Rev. Fr. S. P. Carmel, the Parish Priest, who presided at the function, gave the children a talk. He explained to them that this annual celebration was the reward for those children who regularly attended the Catechism Classes, and he exhorted them to keep up a good record of attendance.

The children were then entertained with a film-show very kindly arranged by Mr. J. Thaliath at "Citadel". This item was an innovation and was greatly enjoyed by the children.

The success of the evening must be attributed in large measure to the co-operation of several members of the Young Christian Workers' Association and of the Legion of Mary. Special thanks are also due to Mrs. R. Ponniah, Mrs. M. Rebello and Mrs. E. Rodrigues.

First Communion and Confirmation

On the 6th January 1961, the Feast of the Epiphany, 38 children of the Parish received First Holy Communion. Holy Mass was celebrated at 7 a.m. by Very Rev. Fr. S. P. Carmel, and appropriate hymns were sung in English and Tamil. After Mass the first communicants were enrolled in the Confraternity of the Scapular of Mount Carmel.

In the evening the Service commenced at 5-30. His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. F. A. Carvalho, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese, preached a long and inspiring sermon in Tamil, and then adminis-

tered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 135 candidates.

Fourth Anniversary of Y. C.W.

The Fourth Anniversary of the Y.C.W. was celebrated on Sunday, 29th January 1961 at 4-30 p.m. in the Church premises. Invitations were sent to the other Units in the Archdiocese and in the whole of the Southern Region, including Ceylon, and invitees were also requested to offer their Mass and Communion that morning for the intentions of the Kilpauk Unit. It is gratifying to note that the response to the invitations was good and a fairly large gathering was present on the 29th evening. Those who attended included representatives from the Units at Kasimode, Little Mount, Perambur, Pudupet and Royapuram.

The function commenced with the Y.C.W. prayer, followed by an address by Very Rev. Fr. S. P. Carmel. Taking the text of the Gospel of the Sunday (the labourers in the vineyard), as his theme, Fr. Carmel stressed the Church's need for workers in modern times, and also drew attention to the importance of co-ordination between the various associations in the Parish. He requested the Unit to make a special drive to enlist new members.

Before proceeding with the business items of the programme, light refreshments were served.

The Annual Report for 1960, read by the Secretary, is a record of valuable achievement in all aspects of the work of the Y.C.W. This Unit is the first Tamil Unit

in the South. It began with 7 members and now has a strength of 18. Since its establishment in the Parish the Y.C.W. has proved to be a real asset, particularly in regard to the weekly Catechism classes for children in the Parish, and regularly each week have brought them to the catechism classes. Some of the members teach catechism to the children.

Out of the 24 meetings scheduled to be held during the year, 20 were actually conducted, and there was an average attendance of 75%. The Unit paid its annual subscription of Rs. 10 and collected Rs. 26 for the flood victims of Chile, South America. The Unit follows up its social enquiries in the respective work-spots of its members, viz. Dunlop's, I.C.F. and other commercial firms, and by endeavouring themselves to lead better Catholic lives, they take Christ to the workers.

A programme has been drawn up for 1961 according to which each worker must contact another worker at his respective workspot and endeavour must be made to re-establish Tamil sections of the Y.C.W. in other parishes; a visitors' book is to be maintained at the meetings.

The members were grateful to their Chaplain, Rev. Fr. K. L. Satur, for the interest he had shown in their regard, especially for having secured good appointments for three of the members in well established firms.

Proposing the vote of thanks, Rev. Fr. Satur expressed his gratitude to Very Rev. Fr. Carmel, the Parish Priest, for having presided

at the function, and above all for giving every facility for the development of the Unit. Fr. Satur then thanked the various representatives and other guests for their presence. He also thanked Mr. J. Tanner, one of the parishioners, for kindly entertaining the gathering with recorded music.

With the singing of the Y.C.W. hymn and the Blessing, the celebration ended happily.

Newman Association

The Monthly Meeting of the Kilpauk Unit of the Newman Association was held at the Presbytery on the 29th January 1961 at 10 a.m. Prof. Rajendran presided and Rev. Fr. B. Coyle, S.J., was invited to address the meeting on "The Ecumenical Council".

Rev. Fr. Coyle first explained the meaning and purpose of such Councils, and gave a brief history of the Ecumenical Councils which had been summoned since the time of the Apostles. In regard to the forthcoming Ecumenical Council, the speaker described the work of the Central Preparatory Commission which had been set up under Cardinal Tardini, and also referred to the subjects which were likely to be discussed. The special significance of this Second Vatican Council is the prominence given to Christian Unity, and with this end in view the Greek, Russian and Anglican Churches had been asked to send in any items they wished to be discussed. These other Christian Churches have also been invited to send representatives to the Council.

At the conclusion of his talk Fr. Coyle answered questions raised by some of the members. Rev. Fr. K. L. Satur proposed a vote of thanks and the meeting closed with a prayer.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, EGMORE

Assumption Sodality

On Sunday the 5th February 1961, at 4.45 p.m., the Annual General Body Meeting of the Assumption Sodality was held in the School Hall. After tea, the Annual Report was read, followed by the election of the Office-Bearers. The Major Office Bearers elected for 1961 are :

Mr. H. David, Prefect ; Mr. P. Lazarus, Secretary ; Mr. F. H. D'Souza, Asst. Secretary ; Mr. J. Murree, Treasurer ; and Mr. L. Arokiadoss, Chief Councillor.

In his address to the Sodalists, the Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. A. J. Adaikalam, stressed the need of the Sodalists' taking up Lay Apostolate work by making their organisation an active living force, growing spiritually from strength to strength. There are many parishioners who would like to join the organisation and it is the duty of the sodalists to contact such persons and get them enrolled in the Sodality. He also advised the Sodalists to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11-2-61 in a most edifying manner, as benefitting sodalists in Our Lady's organisation. The meeting then terminated with a prayer. The Sodality is 43 members strong.

CATHOLIC WORKERS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Election of office-bearers for the year 1961 was conducted on 5-2-61 at 9.30 a.m. in the Parish Hall, with Rev. Father S. Arulappa, Spiritual Director, in the Chair :—

The following office-bearers were elected :—

President : Sri H. David.

Secretary : Sri L. Arokiadass.

Treasurer : Sri S. M. Joseph.

The Spiritual Director in his speech exhorted the members to realise that this age is not one of speech but of action. Mere verbal discussions and adopting resolutions will in no way implement the objects of our Association and bring about a spiritual awakening among the members. Hence the members should see that some concrete work is done to bring out the practical implication of the objects of the Association.

The Spiritual Director of the above unit, Rev. Fr. A. J. Adaikalam, advised that a group of members should go to every house of our Parish with the help of the census chart and try to enlist Catholic workers as members of the Catholic Workers' Association, or at least of any other pious Association of the Parish. He expresses the hope that his desire would be fulfilled during this year 1961.

The meeting concluded with the closing prayers and the blessings of the two Spiritual Directors.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS

Sacramental Wine : All Parish Priests, Chaplains of Institutions and other Heads of Institutions (such as Convents and Schools) having Authority II for the possession and use of Sacramental Wine are notified that their Permits (Authority II) expire on 31-3-1961. If they require an extension of the same Authority for the year 1961-62 (beginning from April 1, 1961) they are requested by the Collector to surrender their Authority II for the current year before 28-2-1961 and apply for an extension. This extension will be demanded by the Rev. Treasurer for issue of Sacramental Wine from 1-4-1961. Those who belong to the City of Madras will apply to the Collector of Madras, and those of Chingleput District must apply to the Collector of Chingleput. The application requires no Court Fee label. Clear address of the Church or Institution should be given.

Collection : On the first Sunday of March a Collection is to be made in all Churches for the Diocesan Orphanages, and forwarded to the Rev. Treasurer within one week.

Annual Accounts : Those Priests who have not yet sent the Statement of Accounts of their Parishes and Institutions for the financial year 1960 are requested to send it as early as possible. It was due on 31-1-1961.

Collections in Arrears : Those who have not yet sent the collections made in January for the Holy Childhood and for the Cause of Beatification of Ven. Fr. Joseph Vaz are requested by the Rev. Treasurer to send them soon.

Paschal Communion : By virtue of the Apostolic Decennial Faculties No. 25, the Most Rev. Ordinary has been pleased to anticipate the period for the fulfilment of the duty of Easter Communion to Ash Wednesday ; and by virtue of Canon 859, para. 2, the period has been extended till Trinity Sunday.

5-1-1961 : Rev. Fr. John Pillaveetil appointed Parish Priest of the newly created Parish of St. Paul at Sathangadu (Tiruvottiyur).

20-1-1961 : Rev. Fr. Joseph Cholanal, until now Vicarius Cooperator in Mater Dolorosa Church, Royapuram, transferred and appointed to be in charge of the sub-station of Wallajabad, which in the near future is to be erected into an independent Parish.

Rev. Father J. Madathil transferred and appointed Parish Priest of Chintadripet.

Rev. Fr. P. Joseph transferred and appointed Parish Priest of Little Mount, Saidapet.

25-1-1961: It is hereby recorded *ad perpetuam rei memoriam* that His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. L. Mathias, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore solemnly blessed on this date the Church of St. Paul, Apostle at Sathangadu (Kaladipet, Thiruvottiyur) and consecrated the main altar in honour of the same Saint. On the same day His Grace the Archbishop put Rev. John Pillaveetil in possession of the new Parish.

A. Pereira de Andrade,
Chancellor.

15-2-1961.

Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore

Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Collections	In 1959		In 1960
	Rs.		Rs.
St. Thomas' Basilica	...	339.00	340.00
St. Mary's Co-Cathedral	...	50.00	52.00
Avadi	...	10.00	—
Basin Bridge	...	8.00	10.00
Chintadripet	...	20.50	19.50
Chingleput	...	—	4.00
Dhárkas	...	42.00	45.00
Egmore	...	54.00	40.50
Kancheepuram	...	2.00	—
Kasimode	...	16.00	15.00
Kodambakkam	...	40.50	45.00
Kilachari	...	86.30	56.50
Kilpauk	...	60.00	63.50
Little Mount	...	150.00	121.00
Luz	...	23.00	23.50
Madhavaram	...	6.25	15.38
Molasur	...	27.00	33.00
Nungambakkam	...	360.00	420.00
North G.T.—Assumption	...	75.00	70.00
North G.T.—St. Francis Xavier	...	33.00	35.00
Our Lady of Guidance	...	112.20	192.00

Collections		In 1959	In 1960
		Rs.	Rs.
Ottanthangal	...	45.00	9.85
Pallavaram	...	60.00	45.00
Palnellore	...	—	20.00
Pannur	...	45.00	55.50
Park Town	...	21.00	33.00
Perambur	...	45.00	45.00
Poonamallee	...	6.00	—
Pudupet	...	155.50	190.00
Royapettah	...	—	—
Royapuram	...	100.00	81.50
St. Thomas' Mount	...	142.37	120.27
Tambaram	...	105.88	112.50
Valarpuram	...	73.53	73.25
Vepery—St. Andrew's	...	79.50	72.00
Vepery—St. Joseph's	...	123.00	75.00
Washermanpet	...	—	—
School for Deaf and Blind	...	133.00	132.00
St. Thomas' Convent	...	100.00	100.00
Loyola College	...	—	9.00

Amount sent to the National Director	For 1960 ...	Rs. 3,000.00
Do.	For 1959 ...	Rs. 2,806.80

- N.B.—(1) These amounts do not include proceeds of the sale of flags on Mission Sunday, nor the actual Mission Sunday collections. They represent only membership dues of the *Society* for the Propagation of the Faith.
- (2) It is very regrettable that the membership in some parishes has fallen considerably.
- (3) The Diocesan Director makes an appeal that the collections be at least kept up and not allowed to drop.

R. ARULAPPA,

*Diocesan Director for the
Society of Propagation of Faith.*

San Thome, 1-2-61.

Christian Doctrine Examinations, November 1960

Name of School.	No. sent up	Absent	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	Failed	Percentage of Passes
1. St. Bede's	277	13	71	56	97	40	84.8
2. St. Mary's	210	11	37	38	65	59	...
3. St. Patrick's	138	6	20	34	40	38	71.2
4. St. Joseph's, Vepery	119	8	2	8	41	60	...
Total for boys' high schools	744	38	130	136	243	197	72.1
1. St. Aloysius'	146	6	47	52	33	8	94.3
2. St. Ursula's	141	3	32	48	39	19	...
3. Holy Angels'	118	4	26	43	37	8	92.9
4. St. Francis Xavier's	101	7	25	20	37	12	...
5. St. Anthony's	100	7	13	15	28	37	...
6. St. Columban's	90	1	23	32	28	6	93.3
7. St. Joseph's, Perambur	84	2	20	26	27	9	...
8. St. Dominic's	59	4	20	19	9	4	...
Total for girls' high schools	839	34	206	255	238	106	86.8
1. St. Kevin's	61	3	34	9	11	4	93.1
2. St. William's	56	1	8	17	19	11	...
3. Good Shepherd	34	1	14	8	8	3	...
4. Rosary Matric.	23	...	16	4	2	1	95.7
Total for Middle and Matric. schools	174	5	72	38	40	19	88.8

Note: The percentage of passes is calculated on the total number of pupils that actually appeared for the examinations.

Christian Doctrine Examinations, November 1960

STANDARD XI

Rank	Name of Student	Name of School	Marks
1st	G. J. Arokiaswamy	St. Bede's	97
2nd	S. J. Antonyswamy	St. Bede's	93
3rd	Devaney, Richard	St. Bede's	90
4th	Augustine Arokiaswamy	St. Bede's	86
5th	A. S. A Soundarajan	St. Bede's	85
5th	J. M. Arokiaswamy	St. Bede's	85
7th	Caszo, Warren Montrose C.	St. Bede's	83
8th	M. A. Thambiraj	St. Bede's	82
9th	Johnston Denis Roger	St. Bede's	81
9th	P. Hirudayaraj	St. Bede's	81
9th	Christian, Dawn Heather	St. Columban's	81

STANDARD X

1st	Sladen, Victoria	St. Aloysius'	88
2nd	Hicks, Philomena	St. Columban's	87
3rd	Anthony, Maria	St. Francis Xavier's	86
4th	Barnes, Shirley	St. Ursula's	83
5th	Pezes, Merlin	St. Francis Xavier's	79
6th	Raj, Victor Joseph	St. Bede's	77
6th	Fernandez, Heather	St. Aloysius'	77
8th	Fernandez, Joan	St. Columban's	76
8th	Lamden, Teresa	St. Aloysius'	76
10th	Tulley, Clementina	St. Columban's	75

STANDARD IX

1st	Martis, Myra	St. Columban's	88
2nd	Bastian, R.	St. Bede's	80
3rd	Smith, Andrea	St. Kevin's	75
4th	Reddy, Felicia	St. Columban's	73
4th	Holding, Audrey	St. Aloysius'	73
4th	Angel, Teresa	St. Anthony's	73
7th	Goveas, Laila	Holy Angels'	72
7th	Heldt, Theodore	St. Bede's	72
7th	Brass, Eleanor	St. Ursula's	72
10th	D'Costa, Gloria	Holy Angels'	71

STANDARD VIII.

Rank	Name of Student	Name of School	Marks
1st	Valerie French	St. Francis Xavier's	93
2nd	Aureen Fernandez	St. Joseph's, Perambur	92
3rd	Jayapaul, Joanna	St. Aloysius'	91
3rd	Kurup, Carmel	St. Kevin's	91
5th	Coral Lodsman	St. William's	90
5th	Lucy Ignatius	Rosary Matriculation	90
7th	Glenda D'Menezes	St. Joseph's, Perambur	87
7th	Honorine Ferrier	St. Columban's	87
9th	Frederick Morenas	St. Patrick's	86
9th	Beaver Sherrylin	St. Aloysius'	86
9th	Kantaraj, Victoria	St. Aloysius'	86

STANDARD VII

1st	Patricia Ingram	St. Columban's	99
2nd	Christine Hankinson	St. Dominic's	98
3rd	Dennis, M.	St. Bede's	97
3rd	Peters, L. J.	St. Bede's	97
5th	Cheryl Rozario	St. Dominic's	95
5th	Guido, N. L.	St. Mary's	95
5th	Deans, G.	St. Bede's	95
8th	Agnes Anthony	St. Francis Xavier's	94
8th	Holdt, Desmond	St. Bede's	94
8th	Reneaux, Mary	St. Aloysius'	94

STANDARD VI

1st	D'Cunha, Alphonsa	St. Kevin's	99
2nd	Fonseca, S. D.	St. Bede's	98
3rd	Miriam Govias	St. Columban's	97
4th	Reynolds, Loraine	St. Kevin's	96
5th	Neeves, Jean	St. Aloysius'	93
5th	Xavier, I.	St. Bede's	93
5th	Rego, A. J.	St. Bede's	93
5th	Machinnon, Pamela	St. Kevin's	93
9th	Rodrigues, B.	St. Bede's	92
9th	Mary D'Rozario	Rosary Matriculation	92